

## **BROWN COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

A regular meeting of the Brown County Traffic Safety Commission was held on Tuesday, October 9, 2018, at 9:00 a.m., at the Brown County Sheriff's Office.

<b>Present:</b>	Greg Deike	Anna Destree	Joshua Falk
	Dave Hansen	Andrew Jacobs	Don Mjelde
	Chad Opicka	Michael Panosh	Cole Runge
	Dan Sandberg	Brad Strouf	Dan Van Lanen
	Randy Wiessinger	Tom Witczak	Paul Fontecchio
	Robert Heinritz	Rebecca Nyberg	Rep from Safe Kids

### **I. Call to Order**

Chairman Sandberg called the meeting to order at approximately 9:00 a.m.

### **II. Old Business**

Motion made by Mjelde and seconded by Hansen to approve the minutes from the last meeting on July 10, 2018. **Motion carried.**

### **III. DOT/BOTS Updates**

Wiessinger stated that October 21-27 is National Teen Driver Safety Week. He reported that 20 percent of crashes involve teens.

There have been 452 fatalities in the state so far this year compared to 465 last year at the same time. There have been 14 in Brown County. Motorcycle fatalities are up a little bit.

Panosh reported that the OWI Task Force has made over 10,000 stops, with over 2,000 OWI arrests. He stated there will still be funding available next year to cover the three main areas—alcohol, speed and seatbelt.

Falk gave a road construction update. He noted that the 172 bridge painting will stop soon and resume in April.

Hansen reported that the first stage of reconstruction of North Webster Avenue from the East River to University Avenue will be starting. There will be a detour.

### **IV. Update on Brown County Road Safety Plan**

Fontecchio discussed the county road safety plan study. In January he will have a better idea on what projects will be done. He provided information on low-cost high-impact roadway safety strategies, such as rumble strips and safety edges.

### **V. 2018 Third Quarter Traffic Fatalities**

Sandberg reviewed the 3rd quarter fatalities. There were nine fatalities. He noted that the rumble strips were removed a couple of years ago at the intersection of CTH G and Park Road where one of the crashes occurred. There have been 13

crashes so far this year involving 14 fatalities. Six of the 14 were motorcyclists of which two were wearing helmets. It was suggested getting these statistics to NWTC for motorcycle classes. It was also suggested to have a helmet campaign next spring before motorcycle season starts.

**VI. Update and Review Place of Last Drink Study**

Sandberg informed that there were 226 OWI arrests in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter. He noted that 44 different establishments were named by the offender, down from 62 last quarter. Three was the most number of times any establishment was named. It was noted that five named the Packer game as place of last drink and that XS bar was named only once this quarter. Nine involved drugs.

**VII. Brown County Tavern League Updates**

Heinritz, the owner of XS Nightclub, attended the meeting and informed that he has joined the Tavern League. He stated they are scanning all IDs with an app which can also detect fake IDs and red-flag people and create a ban list. There is a video on the Tavern League website on how the SafeRide program works.

Mjelde reported that there have been 2,287 SafeRides in Brown County from 2017-2018. He also stated that 1,380 riders have used the Another Way bus so far.

Mjelde mentioned that AAA offers a safe ride program during the holidays. This program has been available in Wisconsin since the Super Bowl and will tow a vehicle within 10 miles. The next one offered will be during Halloween. Check out their website under Tow to Go Wisconsin.

**VIII. Roundtable Discussion**

Nyberg, who is with the Health Department, stated they are trying to get people to walk/bike more and are working to get the laws enforced rather than reconstructing roadways, etc. She feels the cost of road engineering is so much greater than getting drivers to stop for people crossing the street. Hansen agreed with this.

**IX. Citizen Appearances**

None.

**X. Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 8, 2019, at the Brown County Sheriff's Office.

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**XI. Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Recording Secretary